

CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM (COCP)

RECIDIVISM STUDY

The Youth Services Institute has been providing community-based assessment, treatment, and aftercare services for youth with problematic/illegal sexual behavior for more than 20 years in nearly 1/3 of Alabama Counties. Services have been primarily funded by the Alabama Department of Youth Services (DYS) with supplemental grant funding at various points in time. The COCP, originally named Accountability Based Sex Offense Program (ABSOP): Aftercare began as a primarily aftercare service specifically for youth transitioning to the community after long terms stays in the ABSOP residential facility for youth with illegal sexual behavior committed to DYS custody. As research provided insights on best practices with youth, the focus and the name of the program changed. While COCP services continue to be reviewed and updated according to current evidence regarding best practices, the focus has always been on holistic, developmentally informed intervention designed to address the barriers that prevent youth and their families from accessing services in their community while also prioritizing community safety.

Recidivism Rates

Recidivism : Charged as a juvenile or adult with a new offense during services or within 4 years following separation from services,

	Diversion	Aftercare	Children with PSB
Overall rate	20%	28.5%	4%
Adjudicated/Convicted rate	19.4%	27.9%	4%
New Sex Offense	.9%	6.4%	2% (1)
SORNA Violation	1.7%	2.1%	0
Non-sexual offense	17.4%	20%	2% (1)

The current recidivism study includes 538 youth served by the COCP from 2008-2015, regardless of whether they completed services. There were 363 additional youth who were assessed but were not served in treatment or aftercare during the 2008-2015 time period or were referred but never fully enrolled. COCP is primarily a diversion program, specifically, diversion from DYS custody for youth who can safely remain in the community. Most youth have some form of involvement with the juvenile justice system, though not all were adjudicated. In addition to diversion and aftercare, DYS generously allowed COCP to provide services for youth not court involved who were referred by other community agencies due to PSB when caseloads permitted. As these are three distinct groups of youth, data for each group is reported separately, labeled diversion, aftercare and children with PSB.

Demographics

	Diversion	Aftercare	Children with PSB
N	308	140	56
Black/African American	58.7%	48%	50%
White/Caucasian	38.3%	50%	37.9%
LatinX	2.5%	.6%	5.2%
Biracial	.3%	1.1%	6.9%
Pacific Islander	.3%	0%	0%
Male	94.7%	98.3%	82.8%
Female	5.3%	1.7%	17.2%
Average age	15.44	16.03	11.55
Average days in services	191	216	161

